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In re Patent Application of:  
Nicola A. Dicosola et al.

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For: FIRE RESISTANT CONNECTION HOUSING  
AND A METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING A  
FIRE RESISTANT CONNECTION HOUSING

Examiner: J. C. Fox

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-24, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.